GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF DOMESTIC LPG CYLINDERS FROM NORWAY
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to procure domestic LPG cylinders from Norwegian company;

(b) if so, the features of the new LPG cylinders to be procured from Norwegian company;

(c) the terms and condition on which such LPG cylinders would be procured;

(d) whether the safety aspects of such LPG cylinders have been taken into account; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHAPATEL)

(a) to (c): Government has conveyed "in principle" approval to the Public Sector Oil MarketingCompanies (OMCs) for expanding the product line by way of introduction of composite cylindersfor marketing domestic LPG, subject to there being no subsidy element in the LPG to be marketedthrough these composite cylinders. To start with, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) along withBharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)intend to import some cylinders and do test marketing in selected cities.

(d) & (e): OMCs are procuring LPG cylinders from cylinder manufacturers who have validmanufacturing licences from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and the Chief Controllerof Explosives (CCOE). LPG cylinders procured by OMCs meet the required quality standards.

OMCs have reported that necessary approval of CCOE has been obtained for use of composite cylindersfor LPG. CCOE has also granted approval to M/s Ragasco AS, Norway for their composite cylinders.